



THE HIGH SHERIFF OF WEST SUSSEX
MRS. DAVINA IRWIN-CLARK



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Thanks from the High Sheriff

Dear all,

During my year as High Sheriff of West Sussex, I have been incredibly impressed and also personally touched by the amazing work being done by volunteers and grass roots organisations for the good of the community. I could not begin to name all who serve in this way and make such a difference, but you know who you are! One of the things that is so striking is that this kindness and energy is given so regularly, so that services are delivered to meet ongoing need; you get little thanks, and there is no fanfare, but you all deserve lots of both!

But now something even more challenging has come along and taken us all by storm. Every day brings new information and new strategies, and you are no doubt seeking to adapt to this new world of restrictions. At the same time as you are meeting the needs of your own families, you are also reaching out to others – immediate neighbours, and those in the wider community. This letter is just to recognise you, and your work, and to thank you from my heart for all you are doing. No letter can do justice to that work, or the personal cost you are bearing, but I want you to know you are not unnoticed or unappreciated. Thank you for your kindness, compassion, energy and skills given to help others. You are an inspiration and I honour you.

Look after yourself and each other, stay well I pray, and may we all be able to look back at this dark time and see that hope and love shone out..

With my most sincere thanks and warmest best wishes